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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET PURCHASE OF COPRA AND COCONUT OIL

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1. AUGUST 10 ISSUES OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS CARRIED LEAD ARTICLES REPORTING ON PURCHASE OF EITHER COPRA OR COCONUT OIL BY THE SOVIET UNION. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN BUT ARTICLES STATED SALES EXPECTED TO BE LARGE. IN 1974 COPRA EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION TOTALED 36,547 L.T. WORTH \$18 MILLION. THROUGH JUNE UNOFFICIAL DATA SHOW SHIPMENTS OF 12,094 L.T. OF COPRA AND 7,111 L.T. OF COCONUT OIL. CONTACTS WITH THE TRADE SHED NO LIGHT ON DETAILS SURROUNDING THE REPORTED PURCHASE.

2. THE PRESS STRESSED THE PURCHASES ARE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SOVIET UNION. SUCH REPORTS, HOWEVER, MAGNIFY THE ACTUAL EXTENT OF TRADE BENEFITS AS WELL AS THE IMMINENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (SEE REFTTEL, AND APPEAR TO BE INSPIRED RE-WRITES.
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